Recognition of Tribal Communities

445. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI O.T. LEPCHA:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received a number of proposals for recognition of various tribal communities and groups from different State Governments including Rajasthan, Haryana and many North Eastern States during the last one year; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto and the decision taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has over the years received proposals in excess of 1000 from various State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations including Rajasthan, Haryana and many North Eastern States and also from other sources for inclusion of various communities in the list of Scheduled Tribes in various States/Union Territories.

(b) In order to ensure that only genuine cases are taken up for inclusion in the list of Scheduled Tribes, the modalities approved for dealing with such proposals include reports from three independent agencies namely, the concerned State Government/UT Administration, the Registrar General of India and the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, about the fulfilment of the stipulated criteria by the community concerned. All proposals have been dealt with under these modalities and only those proposals which have been agreed to by all the above three agencies are taken up for inclusion through amending legislation.

Welfare of SCs/STs and OBCs

446. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that both the Non-Plan Revenue expenditure and the Plan Expenditure is spending less percentage of expenditure, as the Non-Plan Expenditure has come to 0.004 per cent in 2007-08 from 0.005 in 1998-99 and Plan Expenditure 1.6 per cent in 2007-08 from 2.4 per cent in 1998-99, thereby defeating the very purpose of welfare of SCs/STs and OBCs is defeated;

(b) if so, whether the monitoring organizations, if any, have pointed out this neglect of tribal welfare during the last ten years; and

(c) the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) to (c) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.